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#### NOTES.

#### NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

THE meeting of the Department of Superintendence of the National Educational Association will be held in Cincinnati, O., February 24, 25, and 26, 1903.

A rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip, on the certificate plan, has been secured.

The headquarters of the department will be at the Grand Hotel. The meetings will be held in commodious audience rooms near by.

President Jordan is hopeful of being able to offer a program of unusual excellence. The following papers are already assured:

"The Human Side of Geography"—a review of Professor W. M. Davis's paper read at the Minneapolis meeting of the National Society for the Scientific Study of Education, by Superintendent L. E. Wolfe, of San Antonio, Tex.

"The best Method of Electing School Boards," by President L. H. Jones, of the State Normal College, Ypsilanti, Mich.

"Industrial Education in Rural Schools," by Hon. Alfred Bayliss, state superintendent of public instruction of Illinois.

"Literature in the Grades and How to Use It," by Mrs. Alice W. Cooley, Department of Pedagogy, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, N. D.

"Reduction of Time in the Elementary Schools," by Superintendent James M. Greenwood, Kansas City, Mo.

"The University of Oxford and the Rhodes Scholarships," by Dr. W. T. Harris, United States Commissioner of Education.

A paper on "Manual Training," one on "Coeducation in High Schools and Colleges," and one on "Reduction of Time in the High Schools" will probably be secured.

Round Tables of State and County Superintendents, of the City Superintendents, and of Normal Schools and City Training Teachers will occur on Wednesday afternoon.

The National Society for the Scientific Study of Education and the Association of College Teachers of Education will hold sessions during the week.

It is expected that President Charles W. Eliot will deliver one of the evening addresses.

No pains will be spared by the Local Committee at Cincinnati to make the approaching convention of the department one of the most pleasant and profitable in its history. NOTES CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OG EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSAL EXPOSITION, ST. LOUIS, MO.

The Department of Education at the Universal Exposition was organized in October. 1901, and has had nearly a year of preliminary work. The director of the department is Mr. Howard J. Rogers, of Albany, N. Y., whose exposition experience was gained as superintendent of the New York state educational exhibit at the Chicago Exposition, 1893, and as director of education for the United States commission at the Paris Exposition of 1900. As an Advisory Committee to support Mr. Rogers the National Educational Association has selected the following men:

Dr. William T. Harris, chairman; Edwin A. Alderman, Nicholas Murray Butler, W. T. Carrington, Newton C. Dougherty, Andrew S. Draper, Daniel S. Gilman, Aaron Gove, James M. Greenwood, Arthur T. Hadley, William R. Harper, Halsey C. Ives, Lewis H. Jones, Charles M. Jordan David Starr Jordan, James McAlister, William H. Maxwell, Carroll G. Pearse, Jacob Gould Schurman, F. Louis Soldan, Calvin M. Woodward.

The field of education has been divided into 8 general groups, as follows:

Group 1, Elementary Education; Group 2, Secondary Education; Group 3, Higher Education; Group 4, Special Education in Fine Arts; Group 5, Special Education in Agriculture; Group 6, Special Education in Commerce and Industry; Group 7, Education of Defectives; Group 8, Special Forms of Education—Text-books, School Furniture, School Appliances.

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The American Library Association has appointed a special committee for the preparation of an exhibit of library methods and resources. agricultural and mechanical colleges and experiment stations of the country have united for a great collective exhibit, for which they have asked from Congress an appropriation of \$100,000, which there seems every likelihood of their receiving. The four largest art schools in the country are applicants for space.

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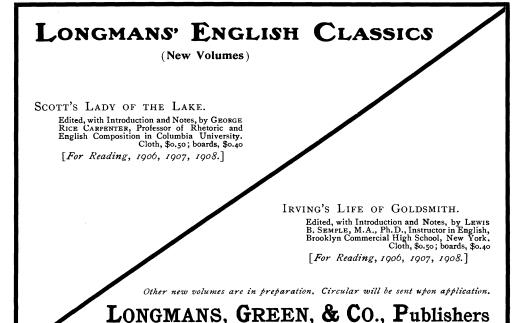
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